

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A bone anchor comprising:

an anchor body configured to be retained within bone, the anchor body defining a path for passage of a member through the anchor body, the anchor body including a restrictor defining an opening having a first portion ~~for~~ permitting passage of a member therethrough, and a second portion restricting passage of the member therethrough,
the restrictor being configured such that movement of the member being movable between the first and second portions in a direction non parallel to a direction of passage of the member through the opening is not in a direction of passage of the member along the path through the anchor body.

2. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the restrictor includes an edge lining a wall of the opening.

3. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 2 wherein the edge is oriented obliquely to a direction of passage of the member through the opening.

4. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 2 wherein the restrictor includes multiple edges lining the wall of the opening.

5. (Currently Amended) The bone anchor of claim 4 wherein at least some of the edges are oriented at the same oblique angle relative to ~~the~~ a direction of passage of the member through the opening.

6. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 4 wherein at least some of the edges are oriented parallel to each other.

7. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein a dimension of the second portion is narrower than a diameter of the member.

8. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the opening is triangular in shape.

10. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 configured such that the member is movable between the first and second portions substantially perpendicularly to a direction of passage of the member through the opening.

11. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the anchor body includes a tissue penetrating tip.

12. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the anchor body includes a central body member.

13. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 10 wherein the central body includes a driver coupling.

14. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the anchor body includes a resilient member for engaging bone tissue.

15. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 13 wherein the resilient member has a sharp, proximal edge for penetrating bone tissue.

16. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the anchor body includes multiple resilient members.

17. (Original) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the anchor body comprises a unitary body.

25. (Original) A tissue repair system comprising:
a first bone anchor including a first anchor body configured to be retained within bone,

a second bone anchor including a second anchor body configured to be retained within bone, and

a flexible member coupling the first and second bone anchors, at least one of the first and second anchor bodies includes a restrictor defining an opening having a first portion for passage of the flexible member therethrough, and a second portion limiting passage of the flexible member therethrough, the flexible member being movable between the first and second portions in a direction non-parallel to a direction of passage of the member through the opening.

26 18. (Original) A bone anchor, comprising:

an anchor body configured to be retained within bone, the anchor body including a restrictor defining an opening for passage of a member therethrough, the restrictor including an edge lining a wall of the opening oriented such that upon movement of the member through the opening in a first direction, the member is also moved non-parallel to the first direction.

A 1 27 19. (Currently Amended) The bone anchor of claim *18* wherein the edge is oriented such that upon movement of the member through the opening in a second direction opposite the first direction, the member is also moved ~~non-parallel to the second direction~~ not along the path.

28 20. (Currently Amended) The bone anchor of claim *18* wherein the restrictor includes a second edge lining the wall of the opening, ~~the second edge being oriented such that upon movement of the member through the opening in a second direction opposite the first direction, the member is also moved non-parallel to the second direction.~~

29 21. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

placing an a bone anchor in bone, the bone anchor defining a path for passage of a member through the bone anchor, the bone anchor body including a restrictor defining an opening having a first portion for permitting passage of a the member therethrough, and

moving the member between the first and second portions not in a direction of passage of
the member along the path through the anchor body in a direction non parallel to a direction of
passage of the member through the opening.

~~30~~ 22. (Original) The method of claim 21 further comprising engaging the member with an edge lining a wall of the opening. ~~29~~

~~A1~~ ~~31~~ 23. (Original) The method of ~~claim 21~~ wherein moving the member to the second portion comprises moving the member in a direction substantially perpendicular to a direction moved by the member through the first portion. ~~29~~

~~Contd~~ ~~32~~ 24. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~claim 21~~ further comprising placing a second bone anchor in bone, the second bone anchor being coupled to the first bone anchor by the member. ~~29~~

~~18~~ 25. (New) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the restrictor is configured such that moving the member along the path in a first direction causes the member to be moved from the first portion to the second portion.

~~A2~~ ~~19~~ 26. (New) The bone anchor of ~~claim 25~~ wherein the restrictor is configured such that moving the member along the path in a second direction opposite the first direction causes the member to be moved from the second portion to the first portion. ~~18~~

~~20~~ 27. (New) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the second portion is proximal to the first portion.

~~7~~ 28. (New) The bone anchor of claim 4 wherein the edges are located in the first and second portions.

~~21~~ 29. (New) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the restrictor is configured such that when the member is within the second portion the member is restricted from moving along the path in a first direction

~~22~~ 30. (New) The bone anchor of claim ~~29~~ wherein the restrictor is configured such that the member is moved from the second portion to the first portion when the member is moved along the path in a second direction opposite the first direction.

~~23~~ ~~22~~ 31. (New) The bone anchor of claim ~~30~~ wherein the restrictor is configured such that when the member is within the first portion, passage of the member along the path in the second direction is permitted.

~~Cancel~~ ~~24~~ 32. (New) The bone anchor of claim 1 wherein the restrictor is configured such that movement of the member along the path in a first direction acts to restrict passage of the member along the path, and movement of the member along the path in a second direction acts to permit passage of the member along the path.